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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 19 and 27.

1. (Currently Amended) A respiration system for providing compressed gas to a patient, the system comprising:

a mask adapted to cover the patient's nose and mouth;

~~at least one~~ a pair of bellows having an inner chamber and an input port and an output port connected thereto, wherein the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows is compressible by a user such that when being compressed, the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows exhausts gas out the inner chamber via the output port and wherein each of the bellows is resiliently expandable such that when the compression has ceased, the ~~at least one~~ bellows expands expand and draws draw gas into the inner chamber via the input port;

at least one gas conduit interconnecting the output port of the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows to the mask such that compressed gas is conveyed to the patient via the at least one gas conduit and the mask in response to compression of the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows by the user; and

a harness attached to the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows, wherein the harness is sized so as to be worn by the user so that the bellows ~~[[is]]~~ are maintained by the harness in a position adjacent the user's body in proximity to the user's armpits, such that the user can compress either or both of the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows without using their hands thereby freeing the user's hands to hold the mask so as to cover the patient's nose and mouth, wherein the harness comprises a front strap connected between the pair of bellows across the front portion of the user's torso and a rear strap connected between the pair of bellows across the rear portion of the user's torso, and wherein the front strap comprises a locking device that is detachable and reattachable so as to allow the user to remove the harness.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, further comprising a gas source coupled to the input port.

3. (Original) The system of Claim 2, wherein the gas source comprises a source of compressed oxygen.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the harness is sized so as to maintain the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows in a position at a location where the user can compress the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows between the user's inner upper arm and torso.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the harness comprises at least one a pair of shoulder straps that rest[[s]] on ~~at least one~~ the shoulders of the user so as to respectively support the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows when the ~~at least one~~ pair of bellows is positioned between the inner upper arms and the torso of the user.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The respirator of Claim [[10]] 1 wherein the locking device is selected from the group consisting of a hook and loop fastener clasp, a button, a snap, a hook, and a buckle.

12. (Currently Amended) A respirator for a patient administered by an operator comprising:

a mask adapted to cover at least a portion of the patient's face;

at least one conduit attached to the mask so as to communicate with the mask;

~~at least one~~ a pair of bellows adapted to be positioned between ~~[[an]]~~ the arms and torso of the operator and attached to the at least one conduit so as to communicate with the conduit, wherein the ~~at least one~~ bellows can be compressed with a downward motion of the arm towards the torso of the operator so as to force gas from the bellows into the mask via the at least one conduit and decompressed with an upward motion of the arm away from the torso of the operator so as to draw gas into the bellows, and wherein the hands-free actuation of the ~~at least one~~ bellows allows the operator to secure the mask to the patient's face with more than one hand; and

a harness sized so as to be worn by the user, wherein the harness is coupled to the ~~at least one~~ bellows such that when the harness is worn by the user, the ~~at least one~~ bellows is maintained in a position interposed between the arm and the torso of the

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operator, wherein the harness comprises a front strap connected between the pair of bellows across the front portion of the user's torso and a rear strap connected between the pair of bellows across the rear portion of the user's torso, and wherein the front strap comprises a locking device that is detachable and reattachable so as to allow the user to remove the harness.

13. (Original) The respirator of Claim 12, wherein the mask comprises a retaining edge that contacts the facial skin of the patient.

14. (Currently Amended) The respirator of Claim 13, wherein the hands-free actuation of the bellows allows the operator to firmly press the retaining edge against the facial skin of the patient to thereby reduce gas leakage from the mask during compression of the bellow.

15. (Original) The respirator of Claim 12, wherein the conduit comprises flexible tubing.

16. (Original) The respirator of Claim 12, wherein the conduit communicates with the mask via a coupling device, and wherein the coupling device directs gas flowing through the conduit into the mask.

17. (Original) The respirator of Claim 12, wherein the gas comprises at least one of air or oxygen.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The respirator of Claim [[19]] 12, wherein the locking device is selected from the group consisting of a hook and loop fastener clasp, a button, a snap, a hook, and a buckle.

21. (Currently Amended) The respirator of Claim 12, wherein the ~~at least one bellow~~ comprises bellows comprise a bag or sack with an inner closed cavity, and wherein the bag or sack is formed of resilient material that can be squeezed into compression so as to force gas from the inner closed cavity and released for decompression so as to draw gas into the inner closed cavity.

22. (Currently Amended) An air delivery system for a patient administered by an operator comprising:

a mask adapted to cover at least a portion of the patient's face;

a harness sized so as to be worn about the torso of the operator;

a first bellow attached to the harness such that the first bellow is positioned between the operator's right arm and torso when the harness is worn by the operator, the first bellow having a first conduit attached to the mask so as to communicate therewith, wherein the first bellow can be compressed with a downward motion of the operator's right arm towards the operator's torso so as to force gas from the first bellow into the mask via the first conduit, and wherein compression of the first bellow allows the operator to secure the mask to the patient's face with the operator's right hand; [[and]]

a second bellow attached to the harness such that the second bellow[[s]] is positioned between the operator's left arm and torso when the harness is worn by the operator, the second bellow having a second conduit attached to the mask so as to communicate therewith, wherein the second bellow can be compressed with a downward motion of the operator's left arm towards the operator's torso so as to force gas from the second bellow into the mask via the second conduit, and wherein compression of the second bellow allows the operator to secure the mask to the patient's face with the operator's left hand; and

a harness that is adapted to be secured to the operator's torso, the harness having a right shoulder strap that rests on the operator's right shoulder, a left shoulder strap that rests on the operator's left shoulder, a front strap that crosses the operator's chest, and a rear strap that crosses the operator's back.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the first and second bellows can be independently or simultaneously compressed.

24. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the first bellow can be decompressed with an upward motion of the right arm away from the torso of the operator so as to draw gas into the first bellow.

25. (Original) The system of Claim 24, wherein the second bellow can be decompressed with an upward motion of the left arm away from the torso of the operator so as to draw gas into the second bellow.

26. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein the first and second bellows can be independently or simultaneously decompressed.

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27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim [[27]] 22, wherein the first bellow is attached to the right shoulder strap of the harness and the second bellow is attached to the left shoulder strap of the harness.

29. (Currently Amended) The respirator of Claim [[27]] 22, wherein the front strap of the harness comprises a locking device that is detachable and re-attachable so as to allow the operator to wear the harness.

30. (Currently Amended) The respirator of Claim [[19]] 22, wherein the locking device is selected from the group consisting of a hook and loop fastener clasp, a button, a snap, a hook, and a buckle.

31. (Cancelled)